Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Pierre High School Class of 1953 graduated 79 students and were led through their senior year by class officers, Betty Hinsey Garrett, Shirley Misterek Lower, Velma Norman Wilder, and Jeanne Kruzick Schweigert, as well as Superintendent, M. L. Reynolds, and High School Principal, A. A. Thompson; and,

Whereas, The graduates of the Class of 1953 have lived lives of service in their diverse capacities and circumstances—serving their family, church, community, and country, and these contributions constitute true success in life regardless of what their dreams and life goals were in 1953; and,

Whereas, Lessons in life teach us a good sense of humor can go a long way to diffuse a difficult situation and brighten ones day; a caring friend who keeps others needs in mind rather than their own needs is a friend indeed; although all believe their own children and grandchildren are the smartest and most attractive, not everyone else always agrees; and the rest of the world is not always "bowled over" by our wit, intelligence, and talent; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for high school classmates to come together to share their experiences, exchange their life's stories and dreams, and relive life-long relationships, and the Class of 1953 has done so on three previous occasions on the 10th, 35th, and 40th anniversaries of their high school graduation; and,

Whereas, With classmates currently living in 24 of the 50 United States, 36 of the 1953 graduates will travel to Pierre again in September 2003 for their 50th anniversary, and they will also take time to acknowledge and remember with fond memories the classmates unable to attend or that have passed away:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2003, as

PIERRE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1953 DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State